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14 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. On 14 July Mrs. [REDACTED] and the undersigned met with Colonel [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] OC/Plans to discuss the 13 July memorandum to them from Chief, Planning Staff, OL regarding the OL position on batteries for [REDACTED].

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2. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] would initiate a requisition, citing their own funds, for the procurement of batteries to support [REDACTED] for 30 days. Colonel [REDACTED] said he would attempt to get Mr. [REDACTED] approval to buy the difference between this quantity and the full [REDACTED] pack 30 day requirement with [REDACTED] money.

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3. These positions were based on an acceptance of the OL position that a gap exists which has to be filled immediately, but a reluctance to go whole hog in view of the present funds situation. They both understand the calculated risk involved in providing less than the 60 day supply which we recommended.

4. Mr. [REDACTED] said he would send a memorandum to the CA Staff giving the OC position as indicated above. CA Staff will send their decision along with the Commo paper to OL in the next few days. Mr. [REDACTED] informally asked if the procurement lead time of ninety days could be reduced by some sort of incentive standby arrangement with the manufacturer. After the meeting, Mr. [REDACTED] was contacted and he said he would bring the matter up when he placed the forthcoming requisition with the vendor. He felt something could be worked out.

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5. Colonel [REDACTED] stated that he felt the freezer should be big enough to hold up to a 60 day supply even though only a thirty day supply was being purchased provided the cost differential were not too significant.

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